

HOW TO APPLY FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, CIVIL UNION, OR DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN

For a couple to establish a Marriage, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership in New Jersey, it shall be necessary that they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- The couple and one witness **MUST** be present for the Marriage, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership Application
- You shall not be a party to another marriage, civil union or domestic partnership in this State or recognized by this State.
- You must be at least 18 years of age to apply. Applicants under the age of 18 may enter into a marriage or civil union **with** parental consent. Applicants **under** the age of 16 must obtain parental consent **and** have approval in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division (Family Court).
- Couple **MUST** apply 2 weeks before the intended date for the license.
- License will be **VALID** for 30 days.

Where to apply:

1. To apply for Marriage, Civil or Domestic Partnership license, one party **must** live in the Township of North Bergen. License is valid throughout the state of New Jersey.
2. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, but wishes to perform marriage ceremony in the Township of North Bergen, you must apply for the license in North Bergen. The license is **only** valid in the municipality of North Bergen.

What couple should bring when applying for a Marriage, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership License:

1. If you are divorced or have had a marriage annulled, must provide full name (ex-spouse), date and state of divorce/annulment.
2. If your former spouse/partner is deceased, must provide full name (deceased), date and place of death.
3. Driver license, current passport or other U.S Governmental Issued Picture ID
(Non-U.S government ID'S are NOT accepted)
4. One applicant must reside in North Bergen and show proof of address.
(Driver License, lease, **current** utility bill, landlord's notarized letter.)
5. Social security number **(If Applicable)**. Required by law and will be kept confidential.
6. A witness (18 years or older) who knows both the applicants.
7. \$28 Money Order/Debit- Credit Cards **ONLY**
(NO CASH, PERSONAL CHECKS or AMEX WILL BE ACCEPTED)

After you apply:

There is a 72-hour waiting period before the license is issued.

The waiting period begins when the application is filed with the local registrar.

After the marriage, civil union or domestic partnership is performed, the certificate will be recorded where the ceremony took place.

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Marriage, Civil Union, Domestic Partnership **License: \$28**

Marriage, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership **Certificate: \$10**

Corrections: **\$25**

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS:

FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE: MON -FRI (9:00AM UNTIL 2:00PM)

FOR CORRECTIONS: CALL FOR MORE INFO @ 201-392-2050